human wastes are treated with the help of bacteria, which eat away the human wastes. Bacteria are required to be replaced at regular intervals.

(c) The cost of one bio-digester is Rs. 45,000/-.

Shortage of Civilian Personnel in Navy

770. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Navy has staved off a shortfall in personnel for two major projects with the Government approving the recruitment of nearly 2,000 personnel; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction to increase the strength of civilian personnel in the Navy?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Government sanctions for the creation of 2901 posts for the Naval Base Project at Karwar and 1220 posts for the Naval Academy at Ezhimala have been issued during the last two years.

(b) The above sanctions have increased the strength of the civilian personnel of the Navy by 2634 posts. Recruitment action to fill up these posts through direct recruitment and temporary transfers has already been initiated.

Ban on sale of Camouflage Clothes of the Army

771. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to seek ban on sale of camouflage clothes of the Army by private shops in the interest of national security;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government proposes to effect changes in the dresses of our Jawans from strategic point of view; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to seek ban on the sale of camouflage clothes of the Army, by private shops.

(c) and (d) The process of improvement of dresses of our jawans purely from the point of view of comfort and durability, is an ongoing one. There is,